

NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 27

Introduced by C. Peterson, 35; Bohlke, 33; Kristensen, 37;
Schrock, 38; Jones, 43; Schmitt, 41; Kremer, 34

WHEREAS, the Wood River Flood Control Project will divert Wood River flood water around the southern edge of Grand Island and carry the flood water from the Wood River to the Platte River; and

WHEREAS, \$11,800,000 was authorized for the Wood River Flood Control Project through the 1996 Water Resources Development Act, which was to include \$6,040,000 in federal funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Omaha District of the Army Corps of Engineers revised its estimates for the project to \$17,353,000, including \$9,969,000 to be contributed by the federal government. Since the cost increase is greater than twenty percent, congressional legislation to reauthorize the project is required; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,755 home and business structures in southern Grand Island, with a total value of \$219 million, would be protected by the flood control project; and

WHEREAS, the flood control project would also protect 5,385 acres of irrigated farmland and 7,000 to 8,000 acres of grassland; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature proposes to the Congress of the United States that procedures be instituted for congressional legislation to include appropriate authorization for

the Wood River Flood Control Project in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, prompt action is essential to decrease future flooding risks, the Nebraska Legislature requests the support and assistance of Congress in permitting this flood control project to move forward in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Legislature requests that the Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary funds to complete the Wood River Flood Control Project.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall send copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State, to the Nebraska Congressional Delegation, to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Secretary of the United States Senate.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Legislative Resolution 27, which was passed by the Legislature of Nebraska in the Ninety-sixth Legislature, First Session, on the XXXX(words)XXXX day of February 1999.

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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE